



# Waltham Forest News

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## Merry Christmas

**Christmas is coming to Waltham Forest and school children have been getting ready to perform in nativity plays and carol concerts across the borough.**

Pupils from St Patrick's Catholic Primary School in Longfield Avenue, Walthamstow, braved the cold and held a carol concert for commuters at Blackhorse Road Tube Station on 7 December to raise money for childrens' charities.

School children from Greenleaf Primary School, Walthamstow, enjoyed a pantomime called "Once upon a Fairy Tale" from a professional theatre company who also held theatre workshops beforehand and trained 28 children for parts in the performance.

There was also a Christmas concert at Riverley Primary School, Leyton, and nativities at Woodford Green Primary School and Oakhill Primary Schools, Woodford Green, while pupils from Buxton All-Through School in Leytonstone, visited the Acacia Children's Centre to put on a special Christmas concert for the younger children.



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Leyton Orient Football Club is offering one lucky Waltham Forest News reader the chance to win matchday hospitality for four people worth £500. See p15 for full details



In my opinion

Fr. Tom Page  
Rector of Chingford



**Peace on Earth and goodwill to all. These words sung by the angels at the Birth of Jesus do not, at first, seem very realistic. Peace often seems to be just a nice idea and can sometimes feel as if it is getting further away from us, not nearer.**

Yet peace is an ideal that is well worth striving for and if you are a person of faith, praying for. Peace is not something that just happens on its own, it needs people to want it and to work for it. Likewise, goodwill is something that can be hard to come by. We can be surprised when we are shown it because we have grown used to getting by with so little of it. In the car we may more often expect a rude sign from another driver rather than a courteous nod, for example.

Yet the message of Christmas persists. Jesus comes among us as a sign from God that we are not forgotten and we are not alone in our efforts to

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make our world a peaceful place, a place where there is goodwill.

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But in order for this to happen we need, first of all, to be comfortable with who we are. Part of the Christian faith is the belief that Jesus is the embodiment of God in human form. If we truly believe that God was happy to live with us and among us then why can we not begin to be happy amongst ourselves?

The Christmas story is one of complete trust, God trusts us with his son, a helpless child. If we truly want peace and goodwill to last longer than just the Christmas season we need to learn to be more trusting too, of others and of ourselves.

Call me old fashioned but I still believe in people and I know God does too. Will you?

Every one at Waltham Forest News wishes you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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Annalise Amoako, Kiryon Dyer Allen and Rebecca Tubridy

Superstar pupils

- Secondary school pupils recognised with Jack Petchey Awards for hard work and dedication
- The 165 winners from 11 schools were nominated by fellow pupils and teachers

**Hard working and dedicated pupils were rewarded for their efforts over the past year when they were presented with prestigious Jack Petchey Achievement Awards.**

The winners each received a medallion and a cheque for £200 at a ceremony at Walthamstow Assembly Hall. A number of adults also received leader awards for encouraging and motivating young people.

Winners included Annalise Amoako, 16, from Frederick Bremer School who gave up her time to help with school

concerts; Kiryon Dyer Allen, 14, from Heathcote School, who helps struggling pupils with their studying, and

Rebecca Tubridy, 17, from Holy Family Technology College, who helped produce a fantastic production of

‘Our Day Out’.

Scheme founder, Jack Petchey told Waltham Forest News “I am very proud of our awards scheme because it sums up exactly what the Foundation is doing - making a difference to young people whatever their circumstances.”

Fact file

- The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up in 1999 by Jack Petchy to develop the potential of young people aged between 11 and 25 in London and Essex.
- The Jack Petchey awards scheme provides funding of £42,000 each year to schools in Waltham Forest.
- Since it was set up, £2.1 million has been awarded to youth organisations in the borough and more than £65 million overall.
- The Jack Petchy Achievement Awards scheme is run in almost 2,000 schools in London and Essex.
- Winners receive a framed certificate and Jack Petchey Foundation medallion and £200 to be spent on a school or club project of their choice.

More info

To find out more about the Jack Petchey Foundation and to apply for an award visit [www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

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# Christmas opening hours

- Find out what Council services are operating over the holiday period
- Full list of opening hours available on Council website

During the festive period the majority of Waltham Forest Council services will be operating as usual, but there will be some restrictions to opening

hours and services on bank holidays.

The easiest way to find out when Council buildings are open is to visit the Council website, where

a comprehensive list of opening hours is available.

From leisure centres and libraries to recycling centres and the William Morris Gallery, you can find out

when buildings you visit will be open and when staff are available to help with your enquiries.

Refuse and recycling collections will take place on the normal days over

Christmas, and residents should put out their refuse and recycling by 6am on their usual collection day. Crews will be working as normal over the holidays. Your recycling will be collected as mixed recycling. This means that a different vehicle may collect your waste and that it will all be put into the same compartment of the vehicle, but this will still be recycled. Bulky waste collections will be collected as normal.

There is good news for anyone who wants to take a stroll during the holiday, as all parks will be open during the festive period.

Waltham Forest Direct shops will be closed from Saturday 25 to Tuesday 28 December, open 9am- 5pm from Wednesday 29 to Friday 31 December and closed from Saturday 1 to Monday 3 January. Normal opening hours will resume on Tuesday 4 January.

The William Morris Gallery and Vestry House Museum will close on Friday 24 December at 1pm and reopen at 10am on Wednesday 5 January.

To help shoppers in the run up to Christmas and bargain hunters in the January sales, there will be two hours free parking in Council-run car parks on Saturdays until Sunday 2 January.



Find out what Council buildings are open and what services are operating over Christmas

## Leader's view

### Cllr Chris Robbins

Leader - Waltham Forest Council

It has been a momentous and busy year in Waltham Forest and 2011 promises to bring us its fair share of challenges as



we strive to provide services to residents against a back drop of significant central government cuts.

We have already embarked on an ambitious programme to balance the books and hundreds of people have participated in the Council's Make it Count Campaign which encourages residents to tell us where they think we should direct our limited resources.

To meet the estimated £65 million savings we need to make over the next four years we are going to have to make some very difficult decisions about prioritising the money we have and we've always said it is vital residents help us decide where we spend our money.

I therefore appreciate the time and effort each and every one of you has spent in order to help us

**"I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year."**

understand where our residents' priorities lie and we will assess the results and use them to develop our spending plans now and in the future.

But it is not all doom and gloom, this borough has also achieved some great things over the past year. Preparations for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games are progressing well and once again our A Level and GCSE students did us proud and produced record results.

You have shown us great support and helped us put pressure on the Mayor of London to provide additional permanent police officers for the borough. We have also challenged the government's decision to cut our Building Schools for the Future funding, a decision we feel will have significant long term affects on our children's future.

Whether you have time off with your families over the festive period, or are one of the many individuals who will be working in vital services like caring for others, on behalf of all Councillors and staff at the Council I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

### Get involved

I'd like to hear from you. I have a page on the website where you can get more information and email me [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/leader](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/leader) and you can write to me at the town hall.

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## In brief

### Become a young leader

The Waltham Forest Young Leaders programme is seeking new recruits who are keen to build their leadership, presentation and communication skills as part of a determined and energetic team. Now into its second phase, the programme needs young people aged 16-24 who want to make a difference to their local community and learn the skills they'll need to achieve this. The course begins in January and will include nine weekday evening sessions, a weekend leadership course and team-building exercises. Participants will have the opportunity to give the Council advice on issues relating to young people and also the opportunity to make a short video with a professional filmmaker, all while gaining valuable skills and a significant boost to their CV.

• For more information please email Hilary Harvey at [hilary@kzpartnership.com](mailto:hilary@kzpartnership.com) or phone 07970 342329.

### Casualties needed

Volunteers are being sought to help act as casualties in crucial training exercises to make sure the emergency services are equipped to deal with real life emergencies. The Casualties Union charity trains its volunteers to act as injured or unwell people so that first aiders, rescuers, paramedics and hospital staff get on-the-job experience, learn from their mistakes and get some feedback afterwards. And of course the training benefits the real life sick and injured who get better diagnosis and treatment as a result. People who are interested in joining the Casualties Union need to be available during the week, will be trained and can claim expenses so they are not out of pocket.

• For more information on The Casualties Union visit [www.casualtiesunion.org.uk](http://www.casualtiesunion.org.uk). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

### Pupils raise money

Safety conscious pupils in Walthamstow raised more than £430 for national road safety charity BRAKE by holding a fundraising week at their school. Henry Maynard Junior School held a road safety week, complete with a "bright day" where staff and pupils dressed in bright colours and raised money by selling bright hats, socks, leg warmers and hair bands. They also ran competitions throughout the school and held quizzes and lessons to help raise awareness of road safety. The school's road safety officers taught their fellow pupils how to stay safe on the roads during assemblies.

• For more information about BRAKE visit [www.brake.org.uk](http://www.brake.org.uk). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

### Little Chefs

Community spirited youngsters are gearing up to prepare a slap up Christmas dinner for older people. Year Six pupils from Gwyn Jones Primary School in Hainault Road, Leytonstone, will be preparing, cooking and serving a lovely Christmas lunch for older people at the Leytonstone United Free Church later this week. After the food has been served the enterprising children will also lay on entertainment and sing for their guests. Carol Ellis from the school told Waltham Forest News: "We have been involved in this event for many years now and it has always been a tremendous success."



Cllr Chris Robbins, Kate Hoey MP and Mayor of London Boris Johnson paid a visit to Walthamstow Pool and Track

## Mayor announces sports funding

- Boris Johnson visits Walthamstow to announce sports funding
- Borough's schoolchildren showcase local sporting talent

**Youngsters from Rush Croft School braved the chilly weather on Monday 6 December to show off their sporting prowess to Mayor of London Boris Johnson.**

The Mayor was in town to announce £2.4m of funding for 18 projects across London, all of which aim to encourage Londoners to get active and involved with sport.

Walthamstow Pool and Track was the venue of choice because of the borough's involvement in the RUN! programme, one of the projects that will receive funding. The RUN! programme is being led by England Athletics and aims to increase the take-

up of athletics across the capital. The project involves allocating an 'activator' to key boroughs, a sports coach who goes out and engages people in their own neighbourhoods. Alongside this activity, new clubs will be developed to accommodate participants who wish to continue in the sport.

Elsewhere, Orion Harriers athletics club have been granted funding towards the refurbishment of their new club house and another partner organisation, Access Sport, also received funding to help boost BMXing in Waltham Forest.

The Mayor was greeted by Leader of the Council, Cllr Chris Robbins, who

led a tour of the facilities where pupils from Rush Croft School pounded the gym's treadmills and were put through their paces outside on the running track. The Mayor also enjoyed the comparative warmth of the pool, where a local diving club were practising.

Cllr Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, told Waltham Forest News: "As an Olympic host borough we want to get more local people taking part in sport and enjoying the health and social benefits being active can bring. We will be working with the Mayor and residents to get the most from this very welcome funding."

The Mayor of London, Boris

Johnson, said: "Through my legacy programme you can sign up to receive training as a sports coach or volunteer, you can apply for funding for new sports facilities, and we are today launching a range of exciting and innovative sports programmes for Londoners of all ages. Now really is the time to get involved, get off the sofa, get active and become part of London's Olympic sporting legacy."

### More info

For more information about sport and leisure opportunities in Waltham Forest visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure) or phone 020 8496 3000.



# A present to remember the past

- Thorpe Hall Primary School pupils celebrate their school's 75th anniversary
- Competition to design commemorative badge won by six-year-old Emily Ralph

A fun packed year of celebrations is drawing to a close at Thorpe Hall Primary School which is celebrating its 75th birthday this year.

All pupils at the school will receive a special commemorative badge, pictured, in time for Christmas after six-year-old Emily Ralph won a school wide design competition.

The school in Hale End Road, Walthamstow, is also holding a photographic exhibition on 29 January to showcase how it has marked the anniversary

and display photographs from the last 75 years.

The school was founded as an infant school in 1935. One of its first pupils was the mother of the current headteacher Paulette



Houghton, who also attended the school - as did her children.

The school is now a flourishing primary school which will house more than 500 children in January.

Over the past year pupils have been participating in a bumper programme of fun and games to celebrate the anniversary.

A birthday assembly was held in January and attended by dignitaries and previous head teachers and a school tea party for more than 400 pupils and staff took place in July.

Children showed their entrepreneurial spirit during their enterprise education

challenge where each class was given £100 to design, produce and sell memorabilia. This netted the school an impressive £600 profit which was spent on special treats for the children such as days out.

Headteacher Paulette Houghton told Waltham Forest News: "We've had a fantastic year and really celebrated in a lot of different ways, which have given the children the chance to experience a range of new things."

## More info

To find out more about Thorpe Hall Primary School visit [www.thorpehallprimary.com](http://www.thorpehallprimary.com). Free internet access is available in all the borough's libraries.

## In brief

### Helping hand

A Walthamstow graduate has spent 10 weeks living with a Nepalese family as part of a programme to transform the lives of some of the worlds poorest people. Mariam Olayiwola, 22, worked to renovate and teach at a school and lived with a local family in their mud hut as part of the Platform 2 Project funded by the British Government. The scheme aims to provide sustainable improvements to poor communities in countries such as Kenya, Ghana, Peru, India and Nepal so they can benefit from the work for years to come.

• For more information on Platform2 visit [www.myplatform2.com](http://www.myplatform2.com)

### Young athletes grants

Talented young athletes are being urged to apply for financial and training grants being offered by the GLL Sports Foundation. Applicants have until 13 February to apply for a share of £400,000 which will be invested in sporting hopefuls over the coming year. Each successful applicant will receive up to £1,500 for training, travel and equipment during the next 12 months, or free sporting access to more than 78 sports facilities managed by leisure operator GLL or its partners. To be eligible for a grant, applicants must live or train in a London or South East borough in which GLL or partners operate and have the long-term potential to succeed at international level.

• For more information email [gllsportfoundation@gll.org](mailto:gllsportfoundation@gll.org). Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

## Why not make a fresh start in the New Year?

Course	Duration	Time	Start Date	Standard Fee
<b>ACCOUNTING AND MANAGEMENT</b>				
Bookkeeping	12 weeks	6.30pm - 9.30pm	Jan	£195
<b>CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING</b>				
Diploma in Basic Construction Level 1	23 weeks	3 days per week	4 Jan	N/A
Vehicle Body Restoration	10 weeks	1 evening per week	Jan	£250
Welding	10 weeks	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Jan / Apr	£250
Wiring Regulations 17th Edition of the IEE	10 weeks	1 evening per week	Jan / Apr	£381
<b>CREATIVE COURSES</b>				
Fashion, Styling and Modelling	12 weeks	2 days per week	Jan	N/A
Award Entry to Level 1*	23 weeks	3 days per week	4 Jan	N/A
Media Award Entry to Level 1*	12 weeks	2 days per week	Jan	N/A
Photography and Makeup for Fashion Award Entry to Level 1*	12 weeks	2 days per week	Jan	N/A
Fashion and Clothing Award Entry to Level 1*	12 weeks	2 days per week	Jan	N/A
Performance Arts Level 1*	12 weeks	2 days per week	Jan	N/A
Radio Broadcasting and Production Level 1*	10 weeks	1 day per week	10 Jan	TBC
<b>HAIRDRESSING AND BEAUTY THERAPY</b>				
Beauty Specialist Techniques	23 weeks	3 days per week	Jan	N/A
Diploma (VTCT) Level 1	10 weeks	1 evening per week	Tue 18 Jan	£155
Cut and Blow Dry for Beginners (Uplands House Centre) Level 1	10 weeks	1 evening per week	Tue 18 Jan	£187
Long Hair Workshop (Uplands House Centre)	4 weeks	1 evening per week	Thu 27 Jan	£125
Threading Workshop (Forest Road)	2 weeks	1 evening per week	Mon 31 Jan	£100
Fast Track Beauty Specialist Diploma Level 2 (Uplands House Centre)	25 weeks	3 days per week	Wed 23 Mar	£1480
Fast Track Hairdressing level 2 (Uplands House Centre)	25 weeks	3 days per week	Wed 23 Mar	£1465
				£99**
<b>HOSPITALITY AND CATERING</b>				
Basic Cookery	10 weeks	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	10 Jan	£305
Fish Course	6 weeks	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	12 Jan	£195
Entertaining your Friends	6 weeks	Tue 6.00pm - 9.00pm	11 Jan	£170
Perfect Pasta	6 weeks	Thu 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Feb	£176
Cooking for University	6 weeks	Sat 12.30 - 3.30pm	On demand	£176
Barista Skills	2 days	9.00am - 5.00pm	On demand	£305

Course	Duration	Time	Start Date	Standard Fee
<b>HOSPITALITY AND CATERING cont'd</b>				
BBQ	3 weeks	Sat 12.30 - 2.30pm	April	£55
Caribbean Cookery	6 weeks	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Jan	£192
Baking and Pastry	10 weeks	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Jan	£294
Bake and Bond	6 weeks	Mon 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Jan	£192
Vegetarian Cookery	6 weeks	Wed 6.00pm - 9.00pm	Jan	£184
Cake Decorating Levels 1, 2, 3	23 weeks	TBC	Jan	TBC
Professional Catering Award Entry 3 to Level 1*	23 weeks	3 days per week	4 Jan	N/A
<b>INFORMATION COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (ICT)</b>				
CISCO	12 weeks	2 evenings per week	14 Jan	£413
3D Computer Aided Design (CAD) using Autocad (Level 3)	15 weeks	Tue and Thu 6.30pm - 9.30pm	30 Nov	£724
<b>LEARNING ENGLISH</b>				
English as a Foreign Language (EFL)	Variable	3 days per week Day & Evening	All year round	From £280
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)	Variable	5-9 hours per week Day & Evening	All year round	From £330
<b>TEACHER TRAINING</b>				
Diploma in Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector	18 months	Thu evenings	Jan	TBA
Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults	18 months	1 evening & Fri afternoon	Spring 2011	TBA

\* No fees applicable to learners who meet SFA residency requirements

\*\* Concessionary cost

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**WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE** 

# Our Environment

## In brief

### Estate agent clampdown

WE'RE WIPING OUT ENVIRO-CRIME

Estate Agents are being targeted by a range of bodies – including the Council – to ensure they follow rules regarding their conduct. Waltham Forest Council is working with the Office of Fair Trading, the Property Ombudsman and industry bodies to clamp down on illegal practices. The Council's Wipe Out Enviro Crime campaign is targeting irresponsible estate agents and officers will be issuing fixed penalty notices and prosecuting those who break the law.

• For more information about the Council's Wipe Out Enviro Crime Campaign phone 020 8496 3000 or visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wipeitout](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wipeitout)



### They love their borough

In July 2010 Waltham Forest Council held the first 'Love your borough' awards ceremony to recognise and reward the good work that is being done within the borough. People, groups, charities and businesses who were improving the physical environment and the quality of life in Waltham Forest were nominated for an award by their friends, neighbours, colleagues and councillors. We heard about the winners, but what about those who finished as runners up?

Peter McCarthy came second in the Arts and Culture award category. Peter is the founder and organiser of Music in the Village which has brought world class performers to Waltham Forest.

A number of years ago Peter, a professional musician, realised that although there were many musicians living in Walthamstow there was a shortage of classical concerts, particularly Baroque and Chamber music.

Drawing on his contacts in the music world he single handedly organised a series of very successful concerts at St Mary's Church in Walthamstow.

These events have been such a success and a local institution that more than 50 of the concerts have been held and the events have even been mentioned on BBC Radio 3.

Nominations for the 2011 Love your borough awards are now open. If you know someone who deserves some recognition, why not nominate them for an award?

• To find out more about the Council's Love your borough awards visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough) or phone 020 8496 3000. To find out more about Music in the Village visit <http://www.walthamsoft.com/villagemusic>



Workers move in to clear a Dirty Front Garden

## Pay up time for clear ups

WE'RE WIPING OUT ENVIRO-CRIME

- Residents whose dirty front gardens were cleared by the Council to receive invoices for the work done
- Bills will start at £75 as Council starts recouping money for mass clear up of dirty properties

**Dozens of residents will be receiving invoices in the coming weeks charging them for Council clean-ups of their dirty front gardens.**

Back in September Waltham Forest Council launched a major clampdown on dirty front gardens giving residents 48 hours to clear their mess. The Council moved in and dealt with those that were not cleared and warned owners they would be billed for the work carried out.

At the time they were visited by Council officers, residents were given the chance of booking a free bulky waste collection to remove the waste from their property.

Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes, said: "We warned people when we launched this campaign that if we had to clear their front gardens for them, we'd be charging them for the work we did – and that is exactly what we are doing.

"Residents told us they wanted us to do something about the people who were ruining our streets and that is what we have done."

So far 500 gardens have been cleared by the Council, those that refuse to pay the clearance charge will be taken to County Court if they are tenants or a charge will

be placed on their property if they are owners and the money owed (plus interest) will have to be paid before the property can be sold.

The new scheme marked the relaunch of the Council's Wiping Out Enviro-Crime campaign which focuses on tackling the enviro-crimes that are at the top of residents' priority list - fly-tipping, rubbish and littering.

### More info

For more information about the Wiping Out Enviro-Crime Campaign visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wipeitout](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wipeitout)

### Fact file

- People whose gardens require a clean up will be given 48 hours to do so and be issued with information about the Council's free bulky waste collection service so they can book a removal.
- This ensures that people who are physically incapable of removing the waste can still ensure it is removed from their property in good time.
- The Bulky Waste collection service from residential properties is for refuse that is not suitable to be collected as part of the weekly household refuse/recycling collection.
- A wide range of items can be collected at no charge. There will be no specific limit on the number of collections in any year and collections organised on an area basis.
- To request your bulky collection, contact Waltham Forest Direct by phoning Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000 or email [wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk)



# Recycling this Christmas

- Tis the season to be jolly, but you can still be eco-friendly with it
- Scraps, packaging and leftovers can all be recycled rather than sent to landfill



**With Christmas Day falling on a weekend this year it means that residents' refuse and recycling will be collected on their normal day over Christmas.**

Even better news is that you can recycle vast quantities of the left over packaging and food you're left with after the traditional festive binge, so there is really

no excuse not to recycle.

#### **Green waste**

Potato peelings, rogue parsnips and, of course, the inevitable leftover sprouts are all great food for your brown bin. If you plumped for a real Christmas tree this year you can also chop it into metre-long chunks and pop that in too.

#### **Cardboard**

There'll be stacks of it floating

around, whether it's the boxes the kids' toys came in or packaging for the gizmos and gadgets the older 'children' seem to love so much. The tip here is to break it down into manageable pieces (larger bits can't be collected) and try to make sure the boxes are folded in on themselves so criminal passersby can't see the goodies you've been given.

#### **Wrapping paper**

We're really sorry folks, but while foil, glitter or plastic-coated wrapping paper might look great wrapped in ribbons it's no good for recycling. But standard wrapping paper can be recycled. And remember to put your magazines and newspapers

in the recycling container.

#### **Eating organically**

To really add a green tint to your Christmas dinner you can buy fresh organic produce from the Organiclea Nursery in Chingford, from the collective's shop at the Hornbeam Centre in Hoe Street, Walthamstow, on Saturdays.

#### **More info**

For more information on what you can and can't recycle or to find out about the holiday schedule call **020 8496 3000** or visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling**. To find out more about Organiclea visit **www.organiclea.org.uk**

## In brief



## Flats recycling boost

More than 1000 flats in Waltham Forest will be given dual bins for their kitchens as part of a multi million pound drive to increase recycling rates across London. The London Waste and Recycling Board has invested £1.35million into recycling schemes across the Capital in a bid to boost recycling rates and divert 41,000 tonnes of waste from landfill every year. Waltham Forest will get funding to increase recycling in multi-occupancy properties by installing bins for both refuse and recycling in the kitchens of 1045 flats. Nearly 12,000 other households in flats will receive reusable recycling bags.

• **For More information on recycling in Waltham Forest contact the Council on 020 8496 3000.**

## Christmas and New Year refuse and recycling

Your collection day will stay the same over the Christmas and New Year period. Please put out your refuse waste and recycling as normal as our contractors will be working the bank holidays.

Your recycling will be mixed, this means that your recycling will be put into one compartment in the vehicle and sorted later at a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). These materials will still be recycled.

Bulky waste collections will also be collected as normal.



## Recycling real Christmas trees

**After the festivities, we want to recycle your real Christmas tree.**

If you have a brown bin or green garden waste sacks, we can collect your tree with your green garden waste collection. This will mean that the tree is recycled.

If you are able to cut the tree up into roughly one metre lengths this will enable you to put the tree into your green garden waste bin/bag. If you are not able to cut your tree up, please leave alongside your bin/bag so that we know to take it.

If you do not have a brown bin or green garden waste sacks we can still recycle your tree if you leave it by the front boundary of your property on the day that green garden waste is collected.

Please ensure that all lights and decorations are removed.

You can also recycle your Christmas tree at one of the three Household Waste and Recycling Centres in the borough:

- **48 Kings Road, Chingford E4 7HR**
- **Gateway Road, Leyton E10 5BY**
- **South Access Road, Walthamstow E17 8BS**

All three centres will be closed 25-26 December and 1 January.

For more information visit **www.walthamforest.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling** or contact Waltham Forest Direct on **020 8496 3000**.



# What's On

## Sports and fitness

### Lea Valley Friends Group

We are a walking group who meet every weekend for walks of approximately four miles. New members most welcome, no dogs please.  
For more details visit [www.leavalleyfriends.org.uk](http://www.leavalleyfriends.org.uk) or email [lvfwalkers2001@hotmail.com](mailto:lvfwalkers2001@hotmail.com).

### Fitness for Fun

Every Thursday, 8-9pm.  
Kelmscott Leisure Centre, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow.  
Play team sports such as basketball and korfbal non competitively. You'll have fun and get fit without even trying. Friendly, mixed bunch of adults of all ages and abilities. First session is free. Regular players share the cost of court hire.  
Call Bruce on 07786 066383 for more information.



### Thai boxing

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday, times vary.  
Heathcote Arms pub, Grove Green Road, Leytonstone (use the side door located on Hampton Road).  
All beginners are welcome, all age groups, mixed classes.  
Please phone Instructor David Verdi on 07774 615281, visit [www.elephantgym.com](http://www.elephantgym.com) or email [elephantgym@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elephantgym@hotmail.co.uk)

### Woodford Green Athletics Club with Essex Ladies

Saturday mornings, 10-11am ages eight to 11  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.15-7.30pm ages 11 to 20.  
Various times and days for seniors  
Ashton Athletic Centre, Ashton Playing Fields, 598 Chigwell Road Woodford Green.  
Athletes of all ages and standards are invited to join Woodford Green AC with Essex Ladies.  
For more information visit [www.wgel.org.uk](http://www.wgel.org.uk) or contact Graham Foy on 01992 572186 or email [g.foy@btinternet.com](mailto:g.foy@btinternet.com)

### Red Ravens ladies basketball

Tuesdays, 6-8pm.  
The Score Centre, 100 Oliver Road, Leyton.  
Red Ravens ladies basketball club are currently in our first season of the London Met League. We welcome anyone's participation from the ages of 16 upwards to come and train with us.  
For more information phone Dextene McIntosh on 07554 011062, Stefan Jeffery on 07957 664646 or email [Dextene@redravensbasketball.org](mailto:Dextene@redravensbasketball.org) for more information.

### Circle Dancing

Third Tuesday of the month, 1.30-3.00pm.  
Vestry House Museum  
£4 per session, refreshments included. No need for a partner, just turn up, beginners welcome.  
For more information phone Pat on 020 8556 3508 or email [jean.duggleby@virgin.net](mailto:jean.duggleby@virgin.net)

### Heathcote Table Tennis Club

Every Sunday, 4-7.30pm and Monday and Tuesday, 8-11pm.  
St Edmunds Church Hall, Junction of Larkswood Road and Chingford Mount Rd, Chingford.  
We are a friendly club open all year round looking to invite along anyone aged 10 or over who is interested in playing table tennis from beginner to league players. Bat and ball provided along with informal coaching if needed.  
Enquiries/Information phone Fred on 07719 875880 or visit [www.heathcotettc.co.uk](http://www.heathcotettc.co.uk)

### Tai Chi classes

Thursdays, 7.30- 9pm.  
The Studio, Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Chingford Road, Walthamstow.  
A friendly tai chi class suitable for adults of all abilities. The syllabus includes: relaxation exercises, body conditioning, forms, meditation, and self defence. Beginners welcome - just drop in.  
For further details visit [www.absolutetaichi.co.uk](http://www.absolutetaichi.co.uk)

### Wanstead Rugby Club

Sunday mornings three to five years and five to sixteen years, 10.30am. Tuesday and Thursday nights seniors, 7pm.  
Wanstead RFC, Roding Lane North.  
We welcome all new players/families to the most friendly rugby club in Essex.  
Please phone Nancy or Harry on 0208 5274 469 for more information.

### Yoga for Pregnancy and Birth

Mondays, 6.45-8.45pm  
and Saturdays 10am-12noon.  
Wanstead Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, Leytonstone.  
New Postnatal Yoga coming in January 2011.  
New Baby massage starting end of January 2011.  
New Monday Yoga for Pregnancy group in Chingford starting January 2011.  
Further details phone Arlene 020 8531 0683, email [info@yoga4birth.co.uk](mailto:info@yoga4birth.co.uk) or visit [www.yoga4birth.co.uk](http://www.yoga4birth.co.uk)



## Tell us what's on

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## Clubs and community

### Walthamstow Workers Educational Association Courses: Growing up in 19th century East London

Starts Tuesday 18 January, 7.30-9.30pm  
Shernhall Methodist Church Hall  
Children had different experiences because of class and poverty. Using original sources we will discuss how things changed for children and young people including behaviour, toys, clubs and schools. Ten week class; £68 - free if on benefit.  
Email [walthamstowwea@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:walthamstowwea@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

### Friends on Friday

Every Friday, 2.30-4pm.  
Kings Road Baptist Church, Chingford.  
Fun, games, short Christian talk, nice cake! All welcome.  
For more information phone Pastor Tony Keating on 020 8529 4693 or 07956 236072.

### Low Hall Job Club

Mondays, 1-3pm.  
Queens Road Community Centre, 215 Queens Road, Walthamstow.  
Come along to our friendly drop-in job club. Do a job search, create a CV, find out how work might affect benefits, get interview tips, find out about training opportunities and get help with application forms. An employment advisor will be on hand to help.  
For more information phone 020 8496 2442.

### Waltham Forest Blind Association

Every Tuesday, 1pm-4pm.

Frederic Street Community Centre, Frederic Street, Walthamstow.

Drop-in centre includes social outings, one-to-one advice, mobility training, recreational activities and home visits.

For more information phone 020 8556 0355.



### Low Hall Young Parent Group

Fridays, 1-2.30pm.  
Queens Road Community Centre, 215 Queens Road, Walthamstow.  
Are you a parent under the age of 24? Come and meet other young parents and take part in shared activities.  
For more information phone Nicola on 07854 267922.

### Walthamstow Workers Educational Association Courses: American Playwrights- David Mamet

Starts Tuesday 18 January, 10am-12noon.  
Greenleaf Centre, Walthamstow.  
This playwright is noted for putting into practice radical ideas using language in an extraordinarily powerful way to create dialogue that his characters hurl at each other. You will read extracts and discuss the plays in terms of dialogue, character and structure in contemporary context. Ten week class; £68 - free if on benefit.  
Email [walthamstowwea@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:walthamstowwea@yahoo.co.uk) for details.

## Tell us what's on

Call 020 8496 3000

## Culture and crafts

### Festive Singalong in the Square

Monday 20 December, 5pm.  
Walthamstow Town Square.  
Join UK athletes at a festive charity singalong in the town square. The event has been organised by Waltham Forest Council's 2012 Youth Ambassadors and will raise money for Forest YMCA.

### Buxton School's Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 16 December, 4-6.30pm  
Buxton School, Terling Close, Leytonstone.  
Buxton School is delighted to invite you and your family to their Christmas Carol Service. Featuring Buxton Secondary Phase Choir, Buxton Primary Phase Choir and Jenny Hammond Primary School Choir. Parents, Staff and local community welcome.  
Please call 020 8534 3425 to reserve your places on the guest list.

### Northern Soul and Motown Christmas night

Saturday 18 December, 9pm-2am  
The Cavern Bar, Forest Road, Walthamstow.  
We play Northern Soul and Motown music on vinyl - it's a very friendly night aimed at people having fun, dancing to good music.  
For more information email [walls@heartache@gmail.com](mailto:walls@heartache@gmail.com) or phone The Cavern on 0208 5214 001.



### Guffaw Comedy Club

Thursday 16 December, 9pm.  
Ye Olde Rose and Crown, 53 Hoe Street, Walthamstow.  
Walthamstow's only professional comedy club: with award winning

international comedian Gordon Southern, who regularly plays to sell out audiences at The Comedy Store, Hackney New Act finalist Maureen Younger and MC Marian Pashley who, according to The Herald "could be Les Dawson's great grand daughter." Entry costs £7.50 or £6.50 for concessions.

For more information visit [www.roseandcrowntheatrepub.webeden.co.uk](http://www.roseandcrowntheatrepub.webeden.co.uk)



### Tina T's Soul and Funk Jam

First Thursday of every month, 8pm until midnight.  
The King William IV Public House, 816 High Road, Leyton.  
All singers, musicians, and live music lovers are welcome. Musicians and singers are welcome to jam with Tina's house band of some of the finest session musicians in London. Come along and hear some of the best spontaneous live music in London, with the friendliest liveliest crowd, all on a positive happy vibe. Be amazed by Tina's powerful vocals, she will blow you away. Free Admission.

### Chingford Music and Arts Intensive Singing Workshop

Saturday 30 January, 1-5 pm.  
Pulse Rehearsal Studio, Blackhorse Mews, Blackhorse Rd, Walthamstow.  
Whether you're a complete beginner or already singing this workshop is for you. Learn breathing, projection, improve your range and much more! Book before the end of December and receive a 25% early bird discount. Vouchers also available for Christmas presents!  
Contact Paula for bookings and queries, email [cma@live.co.uk](mailto:cma@live.co.uk) or phone 020 8531 0538.

### E17 Films workshop - Music and sound effects in film

Tuesday 14 December.  
Rose and Crown Pub, Hoe Street, Walthamstow.  
£5 per workshop or £50 for annual subscription. Fees go to support the Walthamstow International Film Festival.  
For more information visit [www.e17films.com](http://www.e17films.com)



## E17 Jazz jam session

Thursday 6 January,  
8.30-10.30pm.

The Plough, 173 Wood Street, Walthamstow.  
New Jam sessions on the first Thursday of every month, hosted by E17 regulars and featuring a different guest each month. Entry £3 for participants, £5 for audience.

For more info phone  
020 8520 0565.

## E17 Jazz – Ryan Williams Quartet

Thursday 13 January,  
8.30-10.30pm.

The Plough, 173 Wood St, Walthamstow.  
Original music from top Cornish guitarist Ryan Williams, drawing on influences such as Brad Shepik, Bill Frisell and Kurt Rosenwinkel. Ryan's debut album is soon to be released on F-ire Records. Ryan Williams – Guitar, Rory Simmons – Trumpet, Will Collier – Bass and Nick Smalley – Drums.

For more info phone  
020 8520 0565.

## The Pantry Knit-Wits

Every other Thursday, 7–9pm.

The Pantry, Station Road, North Chingford.  
We are "The Pantry Knit-Wits" – and meet once every two weeks. Bring along your knitting and have a chat. Beginners very welcome, if you would like to learn then please just turn up. Tamara and Russ who own The Pantry make us all so welcome and if you come straight from work then you can always look at the light menu or have a cake with your coffee.

For more details phone The Pantry on 020 8524 1824 or email gtofts@yahoo.co.uk.



## Five string banjo lessons

Bluegrass style three-finger picking lessons available for all levels from professional musician with over 20 years experience. Beginners a speciality - private lessons/classes and discount on block bookings.

For further information please phone Dick Smith on 07903 419691 or visit [www.myspace.com/banjosmith](http://www.myspace.com/banjosmith)

## Forest Poets

Forest Poets meet on the third or fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-9.30pm.

Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre Pub, 53 Hoe Street, Walthamstow.  
We share our poems-in-progress and a beer.

To check the next meeting date contact Paul McGrane, email [paulmcgrane1@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:paulmcgrane1@yahoo.co.uk).

## Strung out! Fun violin group for adults

Every Thursday, 6.30-8pm.

Ye Olde Rose and Crown, 53 Hoe Street, Walthamstow.  
Have you got a violin in the attic that you want to dust down? Want to play tunes with other violins? Strung out is a new violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels with a professional musician whose work spans from the west end to Womad. All styles of music welcomed. £10 or £7 for concessions.

For further information please phone Alison on 07740 622 428 or email [info@shapeshifter-productions.com](mailto:info@shapeshifter-productions.com).



## Tell us what's on

[walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk)

## Children and young people

## Santa's Jungle Visit

Saturday 11 to Monday  
20 December.

Tumble in the Jungle, 245 Wood Street, Walthamstow.  
Santa is coming to our play centre bearing gifts for all the children who have been good this year. If you would like to see Santa and experience the beautiful Christmas Winter Wonderland, come on down to Tumble in the Jungle. £3 per child for Santa's Grotto or £6 per child to visit Santa's Grotto and play in the Centre.  
For more information please contact [joanna@thesoulproject.com](mailto:joanna@thesoulproject.com).

## Staying Positive Workshops

Saturday 8 January, 11am-4pm.

The Limes, William Morris Hall, 6 Somers Road, Walthamstow.  
Workshops for young people aged 12 - 18 years living with long-term conditions/disabilities. The workshops build self management skills, confidence and give social support for teenagers. They are run by trained young people aged 15 - 25 years who are also living with a condition. Workshops are fun, free and relaxed and always include an activity – like drumming, digital photography or drama. Places must be booked in advance.

For more information phone or text Sharlene Mills on 07595 272465, phone Sharon Hannaford on 01925 320559, email [sharon.hannaford@eppcic.co.uk](mailto:sharon.hannaford@eppcic.co.uk) or visit [www.staying-positive.co.uk](http://www.staying-positive.co.uk)

## Bongalong

Mondays and Thursdays.

St Gabriel's Family Centre, Walthamstow.  
Bongalong provides music, movement and make-believe for babies and children aged up to five years. Sessions are run by a local parent and qualified teacher.  
For further information or to book a trial session, please phone Fiona on 07811 460282 or 020 8257 7645 or visit [www.bongalong.co.uk](http://www.bongalong.co.uk)

## Miss Miranda's Music Time

Mondays 1.45pm, Wednesdays 10.15am, Fridays 9.45am and 10.45am.

Mondays and Wednesdays at St Stephens Church, Copeland Road, Walthamstow and Fridays at the Peterhouse Centre, 122 Forest Rise, Walthamstow.

Music sessions for babies and children up to five years old. Miss Miranda is a fully qualified Music and Drama teacher who uses singing, percussion and musical instruments to dance, create and have fun. Lessons are lively, full of energy and geared to suit all ages, including grown ups. £5 pay on the day or cheaper course options available.

For more information please see the website [www.missmirandasmusic.co.uk](http://www.missmirandasmusic.co.uk) or phone Emma on 07956 211 861.

## The London Music Academy

Wednesdays, five to seven.15pm.

Sir George Monoux College, Chingford Rd, Walthamstow  
The London Music Academy is an exciting new music school, offering high quality and affordable

tuition to children and adults. Our classes include Rock School vocals classes for children aged 7-18 who are interested in having their voice trained, learning microphone technique and musicianship, Group Guitar and Keyboard classes for children and Adult beginners, Instrumental lessons for all ages (individual or group)

For more information visit [www.londonmusicacademy.co.uk](http://www.londonmusicacademy.co.uk) email [info@londonmusicacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@londonmusicacademy.co.uk) or phone 07541 274 611



## CADOS Junior and Youth Drama Groups

Mondays at 6pm for seven

to twelve years olds and

Wednesdays at 7pm

for 13-18 year olds.

Mornington Hall, The Green Walk, Chingford.

CADOS junior and youth drama

groups meet once a week. The children learn through activities and also appear in two Junior/ Youth shows per year. Fees are £35 per term.

For more details phone Gail Norris on 07917 043300.

## Music Makers

Fridays, 11am-12noon.

Low Hall Nursery School and Children Centre, 215 Queens Road Walthamstow.

Music, play and drama. Cost is £2 for first child, £1 per sibling.

Phone 020 8496 2442 for more information or visit [www.low-hall.com](http://www.low-hall.com)

## Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service, the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds.

For more information visit <http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk>

**Tell us what's on**  
Call 020 8496 3000



## Council Meetings

### Wednesday 15 December

Finance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

### Thursday 16 December

Council

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall unless stated otherwise, and start at 7.30pm.

# Calling all childrens groups

We need more of you to tell us what's going on in your childrens groups.

Let us have the details and we'll do our best to include them on our What's On pages. Send them to: **walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk**

## In brief



### Ambassadors celebrate

Olympic Youth Ambassadors from Waltham Forest have celebrated the end of their first year's work with a tour of the Olympic Park and a special reception. The ambassadors have spent the last year keeping residents informed about the forthcoming 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games at a range of Council events, giving presentations in school assemblies and attending exciting events such as the "2 Years To Go" celebrations in the Olympic Park where they met famous athletes such as Dame Kelly Holmes and Michael Johnson. At the reception to mark the end of their first year "in office" the ambassadors, aged between 13 and 18, were presented with certificates of appreciation from the Council for their hard work. The new group of ambassadors started work on 7 December.

• For more information about the Olympic Youth Ambassadors visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012games](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/2012games)



Cllr Chris Robbins, other dignitaries and workers took a tour of the Construction Training Centre

# Open for Business

- **Waltham Forest Construction Training Centre is opened in Leytonstone**
- **Multi-million pound centre will provide a major boost to the borough's construction industry ahead of the 2012 Olympics and beyond.**

**The long-awaited £7 million Construction Training Centre is open for business and poised to train the next generation of builders.**

The centre in Cathall Road, Leytonstone, which will be run by National Construction College, opened for business

Trainees will be able to take courses in roofing, flooring, steel fixing, working at heights, scaffolding and general construction.

Leader of Waltham Forest Council, Cllr Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News: "This is a fantastic, world-class training facility for local

and in the future."

Links have been made with Worknet, Jobcentre Plus, Connexions and other potential referral agencies to ensure that Waltham Forest residents can benefit from the opportunities that the centre can provide.

It is anticipated that over

**"This is a fantastic, world-class training facility for local residents and people from across east London."**

on Tuesday 7 December with a tour of the site by Council Leader Cllr Chris Robbins, MPs and other politicians.

The centre has been providing training courses in dry lining and scaffolding since 22 November and from January will be offering more than 100 apprenticeships a year in vital construction skills.

residents and people from across east London which will play a vital role in helping us benefit from the legacy of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"Facilities like the Construction Training Centre improve the education and training of our residents and increase their chance of finding employment now

the next four years the Construction Training Centre will provide training for more than 4000 local people.

### More info

To find out more about courses at the centre, phone the National Construction College on **0844 844 0466** or visit [www.cskills.org](http://www.cskills.org).

## Waltham Forest News

- Available for free in Braille, tape or large print

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As well as the standard newsprint version, Waltham Forest News is also available in other formats. You can read it online from the Council's website at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wfn](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/wfn)

You can also request it in large print, tape or Braille by emailing [walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk) or by calling Waltham Forest Direct on **020 8496 3000**.



## Waltham Forest

# Volunteering at Christmas

- Give a fantastic and much needed gift this Christmas – your time and skills
- Volunteers benefit as much as the organisations they assist

**Christmas is just around the corner and if you are thinking of giving**

**something back to the community, now might be a fantastic time to start.**



Kevin Robertson-Blackmore, right, started volunteering at a day centre for homeless people and now manages it

From organisations looking for volunteers for one-off events to ongoing work carried out by charities and voluntary organisations, volunteers are always needed in the borough.

The job of finding people to fill these crucial roles rests with the Volunteer Co-ordinator at Voluntary Action Waltham Forest (VAWF), Diana Leary.

Diana currently helps match people in Waltham Forest to volunteering opportunities. She says Christmas often provides an incentive to start volunteering, but many people continue giving their time long after the festive

season is over.

Diana told Waltham Forest News: "Generally people who volunteer are really passionate about the community they live in and want to contribute in their own way to help others have a better quality of life."

One man who has already made a phenomenal difference to the lives of homeless people in Waltham Forest is Kevin Robertson-Blackmore, who started volunteering at the Fountain Day Centre, Leyton, in August and now manages it.

Since taking the reins, the former lecturer and manager of a unit rehabilitating offenders has introduced a

range of new services for the 45 homeless people who visit it every day.

Kevin told Waltham Forest News: "I wasn't well and I was looking for something my health would allow me to do. I am very committed to helping the homeless and so this was ideal for me."

Since taking over as manager, Kevin has introduced English classes, counselling sessions and a wide range of other services designed to meet the needs of homeless people including alcohol and drug services.

Kevin said: "I'm using all my previous experience and knowledge to improve our clients' quality of life."

They are all really pleased with the changes we have introduced. We have helped some people back into work and some into permanent accommodation.

"What we do is all about helping homeless people get back on their own two feet so they can support themselves."

### More info

To find out more about volunteering in Waltham Forest phone Diana Leary at VAWF on **020 8521 0377**. To find out more about the Fountain Day Centre phone **020 8556 9295**.



## MAKE YOUR OPINION COUNT

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**Thank you. More than 2000 of you gave us your opinion on how we should save £65 million.**

**Your views will help us make difficult financial decisions on Council services.**

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# Our Schools

## In brief



### School history

History came alive for pupils at Chase Lane Primary School when they learned how hard life was for children in wartime London. As part of their studies about World War Two they took part in a workshop called “We’ll Meet Again”, went to school dressed in 1940s clothes and acted out scenes such as air raids, rationing, evacuation and community singing. Pupil Caitlyn said: “We were learning about children in the war, but we weren’t just learning - it was fun.” Thiago said: “We had fun, but it wasn’t good for children then - if I had a choice about whether to live now or then, I’d choose now.”

### The Apprentices

Budding tycoons have been hard at work at Oakhill Primary School during an enterprise week organised by staff and pupils. The week aimed to teach the children about how businesses work and show them what skills are needed in working life. The children also designed and made products which they sold at the ‘Oakhill Craft Market’ at the end of the week. Merchandise included key rings, bracelets, bags, bookmarks, cakes, biscuits and a very popular chocolate fountain. As part of their work the children had to work out the cost of making their products and decide what to charge their customers in order to make a small profit.



### Christmas spirit

Children and staff at Sybourn Primary School have been spreading some Christmas cheer by sending gift-crammed shoeboxes to destitute children across the world. The school filled 46 boxes with toys, toothbrushes, soap, books, gloves, beauty products and games for children who will have nothing else to open on Christmas Day. The appeal formed part of Operation Christmas Child and was organised to remind pupils that it is important to help other people, regardless of whether they are classmates, neighbours or live on the opposite side of the world.



Film Premiere night at Willowfield Humanities College



# Premier night

- Secondary school pupils turn film makers to produce films about their community
- Five-school project culminates in glitzy premiere night at Willowfield Humanities College

**Young people put on the glitz and glamour at an Oscar Style awards ceremony to mark the end of a fantastic film project completed by five of the borough's secondary schools.**

Pupils from the Walthamstow Partnership of Schools: Holy Family Technology College, Willowfield Humanities College, Kelmescott School, Walthamstow School for Girls and Frederick Bremer, braved the paparazzi, glided up the

red carpet and listened to speeches before receiving awards for their hard work.

The pupils were given the task of working with a professional film company to write, act in and produce a short film of their choice on the theme of community.

Each of the films was between three and five minutes long and entries included films about the negative stereotyping of young people to a mockumentary about the way different communities work together in Waltham Forest.

Speaking about the event, which was hosted at Willowfield Humanities College, organiser Lucie Jones-Lee told Waltham Forest News: “The evening was a wonderful celebration and an opportunity to get all the pupils together and celebrate their hard work. The effort that has gone into these films is fantastic and I am really proud of the way that all students have participated.”

This special evening comes at the end of another successful year at Willowfield

which has received a number of awards for the quality of its work and significantly and consistently improved GCSE exam results year after year - this summer leaping by 16% over the previous year.

### More info

To find out more about Willowfield Humanities College visit [www.willowfield-school.net](http://www.willowfield-school.net). Free internet access is available in all the Council's libraries.





Your pharmacist can give advice and guidance about minor ailments

## Stay healthy this Christmas

- Over the Christmas break it's likely the family doctors will be closed for at least part of the time.
- It is important residents know where to go for help if they or someone they know falls ill

**Stay away from A&E if you are ill – unless you have a serious or life threatening condition – that is the message from health chiefs this Christmas.**

Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet member for Health, Adults and Older People, Cllr Angie Bean, said: "There are plenty of places you can go to seek medical help over Christmas but I would urge residents not to go to casualty unless they have a critical health condition.

"You are more likely to be seen quickly and efficiently if you use alternative medical services such as your pharmacist, out of hours doctor or NHS Direct than by sitting in A&E for hours on end."

### Fact file

- Poorly people should try their GP in the first instance and, if their family doctor is unavailable should contact the out of hours doctor service, staffed by doctors who can assess cases over the phone and may visit you at home or ask you to come to a local health centre.
- Alternatively, you can visit the Polyclinic in Oliver Road, Leyton, which is open every day including weekends between 8am and 8pm. You do not need to be registered to see a doctor and the centre runs a drop-in GP service. Polyclinic can be phoned on **020 8430 8322**.
- You can also phone the NHS Direct help line where you can speak to a trained nurse for help and advice. General advice on common health problems such as colds and flu, back pain, earache or contraception can be found at [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk) You can phone NHS Direct on **0845 46 47**.
- Pharmacists don't just dispense prescriptions, they can also provide advice and over the counter medicines for a whole range of problems including the 'morning after' pill.

### In brief



### Art Works

Leyton residents are trying to set up an ever-changing exhibition of artwork across the area by bringing together artists and business. The project, called Leyton Gallery, has been set up by art lovers and will work by encouraging cafes', hairdressers, places of worship and shops to feature artwork by local artists which will regularly change and be updated. The organisers want both artists and business owners who are interested in displaying or lending items of art to get in touch so they can help the idea spread and grow.

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# Public Notices

## Highways

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) THE WALTHAM FOREST (PALMERSTON ROAD AREA AND BERESFORD AND ROBERTS ROADS) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY WORKING) ORDER 2010

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 10th December 2010 it made an Order to enable carriageway works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain sections of roads, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to close to vehicles (except works vehicles), and suspend the one way working in the roads detailed in paragraph 2 of this notice.
2. Whilst the works are being carried out:-
- (a) no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or wait for any purpose, at any time, in the following roads:-
- (i) Beresford Road E17, between its junction with Brookscroft Road and a point 20 metres north of that junction;
- (ii) Coleridge Road E17, between its junction with Palmerston Road and a point 20 metres north-east of that junction;
- (iii) Melbourne Road E17, between its junction with Palmerston Road and a point 20 metres south-west of that junction;
- (iv) Palmerston Road E17, between its junction with Coleridge Road and its junction with Gainsford Road;
- (v) Roberts Road E17, between its junction with Brookscroft Road and a point 20 metres north of that junction;
- (vi) Walpole Road E17, between its junction with Palmerston Road and a point 20 metres south-west of that junction.
- (b) the existing one way traffic operation in Coleridge Road shall be suspended.
3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic will be indicated by traffic signs.
4. Vehicles waiting in disregard of this Order will be removed.
5. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used -
- (a) in connection with the said works; or
- (b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.
6. The Order will come into operation on 1st January 2011 and will be valid for a maximum period of 3 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

**Dated 13th December 2010**  
**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,**  
**Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,**  
**London, E10 7AS**

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 Stopping up of highway known as Temple Mills Lane (also known as Temple Mill Lane) Leyton, London E15

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest hereby gives notice that the Council has made an Order under Section 247 of the above Act, with the consent of the London Borough of Newham pursuant to Section 247(2A), entitled The Waltham Forest Stopping up of Highways (Temple Mills Lane, Leyton, London E15) Order 2010 authorising the stopping up of lengths of highway to enable development to be carried out in accordance with planning permission granted under Part III of the Act.

Copies of the Order may be obtained free of charge on application to the Director of Governance and Law, London Borough of Waltham Forest, Town Hall, 701 Forest Road, Walthamstow London E17 4JF (reference LE/PCJ/62362) and may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow. London E17.

Any person aggrieved by the Order and wishing to question the validity of the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the Act or that any of the relevant requirements

have not been complied with in relation to the Order may within 6 weeks of the 13th day of December 2010 apply to the High Court for the quashing of the Order, or its suspension in whole or in part.

**Terry Osborne**  
**Director of Governance and Law**  
**London Borough of Waltham Forest, Town Hall,**  
**Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4JA**

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1) THE WALTHAM FOREST (HIGH ROAD LEYTON) (TEMPORARY WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2011

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends making an Order to enable carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in a section of High Road Leyton, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in a section of this road
2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time in that section of High Road Leyton that lies between its junction with Church Road and its junction with Grange Park Road.
3. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
4. The prohibition mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used -
- (a) in connection with the said works; or
- (b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.
5. The Order would come into operation at 8 a.m. on 10th January 2011 and would be valid for a maximum period of 3 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.

**Dated 13th December 2010**  
**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,**  
**Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,**  
**London, E10 7AS**

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF DOCTOR PARKING PLACE – CAVENDISH ROAD The Waltham Forest (Doctor Parking Places) (Amendment No. 1) Order 2010

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest on 10th December 2010 made the above-mentioned Order under sections 45, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Order will be to reduce the operational hours of an existing doctor parking place in Cavendish Road from operating 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the week to operating 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays to Fridays.
3. Copies of the Order, which will come into operation on 15th December 2010 and other relevant documents can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the expiration of a period of 6 weeks from that date, at:- (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.
4. Any person desiring to question the validity of the Order or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the relevant powers of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any of the relevant requirements thereof or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with in relation to the Order may, within six weeks of the making of the Order, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

**Dated 13th December 2010**  
**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,**  
**Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,**  
**London, E10 7AS**

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PARKING CHARGE AMENDMENTS

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest intend to amend the charges for certain parking permits and associated costs, under section 46A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and in accordance with section 25 of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.
2. The existing charges and new charges for permits and their issue, which will come into effect on 4th January 2011, are set out as follows:

**1. Type 2. Criteria 3. Existing Charge**  
**4. New Charge**

#### Residents Annual Permits Residents 1st Permit Holder

- 1. High Emissions**  
**2. >3000 cc or >225g/km 3. 100.00 4. 120.00**

#### Residents 2nd Permit Holder

- 1. High Emissions**  
**2. >3000 cc or >225g/km 3. 175.00 4. 210.00**

#### Residents 3rd Permit Holder

- 1. Low Emissions**  
**2. <900cc or <120g/km 3. 55.00 4. 65.00**

- 1. Standard 3. 122.00 4. 150.00**

- 1. High Emissions**  
**2. >3000 cc or >225g/km 3. 235.00 4. 280.00**

#### Residents - 1 mth temporary

- 1. Standard 3. 30.00 4. 20.00**

#### Schools 15 minute permit

- 1. Low Emissions**  
**2. <900cc or <120g/km 3. 15.00 4. 20.00**

- 1. Standard 3. 30.00 4. 40.00**

- 1. High Emissions**  
**2. >3000 cc or >225g/km 2. 100.00 4. 120.00**

**Dated 13th December 2010**  
**Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure,**  
**Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue,**  
**London, E10 7AS**

## Press Statement

### PRESS STATEMENT ESSEX WHARF LEA BRIDGE ROAD, LEYTON, LONDON E5 9RL

Essex Wharf Homes LLP and A2 Dominion (London) Limited has appealed against the London Borough of Waltham Forest's decision to refuse planning permission.

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT:

'Residential redevelopment - Construction of four separate blocks (ranging from 5-9 storeys in height), comprising 144 residential units (30 x 1 bed, 94 x 2 bed, 18 x 3 bed and 2 x 4 bed) with open space, hard and soft landscaping, car parking facilities (65 spaces, 58 at basement level and 7 at surface), cycle parking and improved vehicular and pedestrian access from Lea Bridge Road'.

An Inquiry is to be held on 18 January 2011 and is scheduled to last for five days starting at 10am at the Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4JF. An independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Office of The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will chair the inquiry and decide the appeal.

Members of the public may attend the inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, express their views or send in

written comments to the Planning Inspectorate at the address below quoting the reference: APP/ U5930/A/10/2135898/NWF.

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Sian Evans, 4/02 Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel: 0117-372 8559.

If members of the public wish to discuss the case with an officer of the Council, they should contact Mr Jon Price on 020 8496 6714 or by email at jon.price@walthamforest.gov.uk

## Planning

### LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for Listed building consent has been made to the Council concerning proposed development which would affect a Listed Building within a Conservation Area.

**APPL.NO** 2010/1533/LB  
**APPLICANT** Mr William Fuller  
**ADDRESS** 8 Church Lane, Walthamstow, London E17 9RW  
**PROPOSAL** A listed building application –  
(1) Removal of two metal windows. (2) Modification of brick window openings and two new painted timber casement windows.

**APPL.NO** 2010/1537  
**APPLICANT** Mr Mohammed Iqbal  
**ADDRESS** 26A Browning Road, Leytonstone E11 3AR  
**PROPOSAL** Construction of first floor extension.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

**Dated 13 December 2010**  
**David Scourfield - Head of Development**  
**Management on Behalf of London Borough**  
**of Waltham Forest**

## Petitions

### Local Government (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (England) Regulations 2000

This Act provides that a number of electors that is equal to 5% of the local government electors shown in the electoral register, may present a petition to the Proper Officer of the London Borough of Waltham Forest seeking a referendum on the question whether the Council should operate executive arrangements which involve an elected mayor.

The Proper Officer of the Council gives notice that the number that is equal to 5% of the number of local government electors shown in the December 2010 Register of Electors is 8,879. This number will have the effect for the purposes of determining the validity of any such petitions presented to the Proper Officer before 1 April 2012 at the address shown below.

The Proper Officer is required to publish this number annually once the Register of Electors is published.

**Martin Esom - Proper Officer**  
**London Borough of Waltham Forest**  
**Waltham Forest Town Hall**  
**Forest Road, London E17 4JF**  
**December 2010**



WIN matchday hospitality worth £500!



Leyton Orient Football Club is offering one lucky Waltham Forest News reader the chance to win matchday hospitality for four people worth £500.

This fantastic prize, for Leyton Orient's match against Bristol Rovers on Saturday 12 February, includes three-course pre-match dining in the Olympic Suite, Gallery tickets and the chance for a child to lead the team out as a matchday mascot (child will get a free replica kit).

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**The competition closes on Friday 31 December, so get those entries in quickly. Just answer this question:**  
**What is Leyton Orient's nickname? a) The O's b) The Q's c) The Z's**

Send your answer, along with your name, address, telephone number and email address to Leyton Orient Competition, Waltham Forest News, Corporate Communications, Waltham Forest Town Hall, Forest Road, E17 4JF by Friday 31 December. The winner will be announced in the 10 January edition of Waltham Forest News.

To buy tickets or for more information about Leyton Orient visit [www.leytonorient.com](http://www.leytonorient.com) or phone the club on 0871 310 1881.



Two for one ticket offer!

Leyton Orient is also offering Waltham Forest News readers two tickets for the price of one for their match against Bristol Rovers on Saturday 12 February.

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**Two for one ticket offer**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of concession tickets required: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of under 18s tickets required: \_\_\_\_\_

**This coupon must be redeemed by 4.30pm on Friday 11 February, no two for one tickets will be available on the day of the match.**

	Adults	Concessions	Under 18s
North Family Stand	£20	£13	£5
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East Stand	£22	£14	£14
West Stand	£22	£14	£14

Concession ticket prices apply to under 18s (except North Stand), over 65s, students with a valid ID card, current serving members of the Armed Forces with proof of affiliation and unemployed with proof of benefit receipt. A copy of all proof must accompany application.

For more information on Leyton Orient phone 0871 310 1881.

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- Nominating someone/a group for one of ten Love your borough awards (£250 prize for each award, except the school award)
- Entering our photography competition (£100 prize)
- Entering our poetry/short story competition (£100 prize)

The closing date for all entries is Monday 31 January 2011.

To nominate your hero, or to find out about how you can enter one of the competitions visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough) or contact Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



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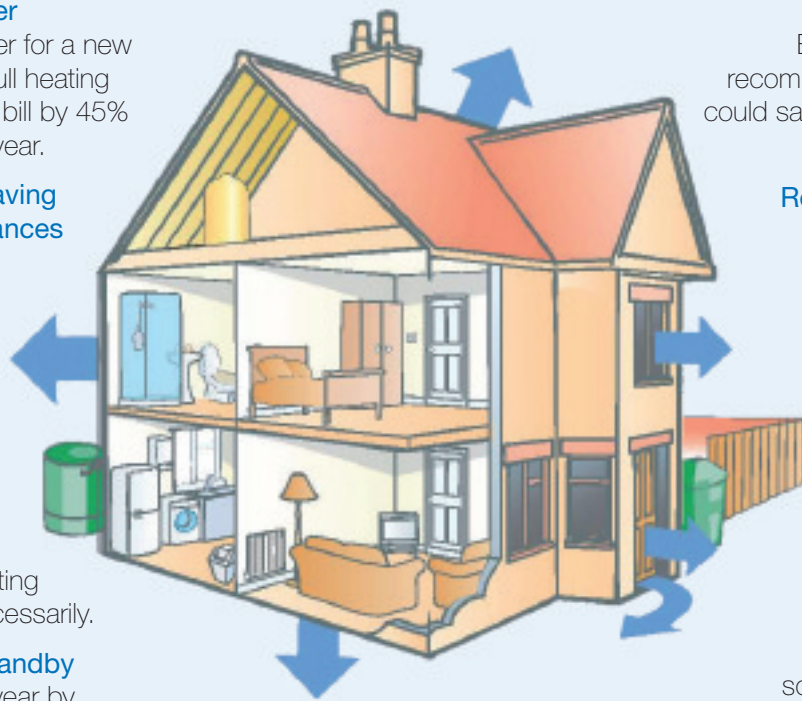
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